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Action Item

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Ref: **FINANCIAL ALLOCATION FOR TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF PROGRAM (TCRP) PROJECTS**
RESOLUTION TFP-05-18

ISSUE:

Attached is a vote box for one Traffic Congestion Relief (TCRP) project allocation request to “reallocate” \$1,431,000 in previously allocated TCRP funding for the project identified.

RECOMMENDATION:

The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) consider this allocation request.

BACKGROUND:

On September 28, 2000, the Commission adopted the TCRP Guidelines (Guidelines) under Resolution G-00-23. Section 3.3 of the Guidelines outline states allocated TCRP funds be available for expenditure and reimbursement for up to five years after the date of the allocation.

TCRP funding is derived from Proposition 42. However, this funding was partially suspended in FY 2003-04 and fully suspended in FY 2004-05 in response to the fiscal crisis experienced by the State at that time. In response to the future availability of TCRP funds being in doubt, both applicant and implementing agencies decelerated the expenditure rate of some projects and/or in some cases suspended all activities pending future funds becoming available. In FY 2005-06, Proposition 42 funds were restored and projects are once again proceeding.

Initial allocations of TCRP funds were made beginning in September 2000. The unspent portions of those early allocations started to expire in September 2005. Projects ready to continue are at risk of further delays and incurring higher costs if these expiring allocations are not reallocated. Allocations for projects not ready to proceed can be allowed to expire and reallocated at a future time when justified.

The following is the project ready to proceed, or will continue to need, previously allocated TCRP funds set to expire at the end of December 2005:

- \$1,431,000 – Project #30 – Implementation of commuter rail passenger service from Cloverdale south to San Rafael and Larkspur in Marin and Sonoma Counties.

Approval of this reallocation request extends the availability of the TCRP funds, and allows this TCRP project to continue to expend funds beyond the current five-year time limit.

Justification:

TCRP #30

The significant part of the delay in expending the allocation for Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) was due to the time needed to complete both the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). It is expected that the DEIR will be certified in 2006. Due to the time required for the DEIS review by the Federal Transit Administration this phase is not expected to be complete until January 2007. An application amendment to extend the completion date of PA&ED to January 2007 was approved by the Commission in May 2005, this allocation request ensures the funds are available for continued reimbursement of eligible costs.

FINANCIAL RESOLUTION

Resolved That:

The project(s), as component phases or in their entirety, appear under Government Code Section 14556.40(a) and are entitled to participate in this allocation amendment.

Reimbursement of eligible costs is subject to the policies, restrictions and assurances as set forth in the Commission's policy for allocating, monitoring, and auditing TCRP projects, and is governed by the terms and conditions of the Fund Transfer Agreement, Program Supplement or Cooperative Agreement, and subsequent amendments to the same if required, as executed between the Implementing Agency and the Department.

Attachment

2.6 Mass Transportation Financial Matters

Project # Allocation Amount Implementing Agency District-County	BREF # and Project Description Description of Allocation	Item # Program Code	Total Allocation Amount
2.6e.(1) Traffic Congestion Relief Program Projects		Resolution TFP-05-18	
1 \$1,431,000 Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit District 04 – Marin/Sonoma	Project #30 – Implementation of commuter rail passenger service from Cloverdale south to San Rafael and Larkspur in Marin and Sonoma Counties. Establish commuter rail operations on former Northwestern Pacific/Southern Pacific (SP) tracks from Cloverdale to San Rafael in Sonoma and Marin Counties. Re-allocate \$1,431,000 in previously allocated TCRP funding.	Chapter 91 of the Statutes of 2000 899-3007 30.10.710.010	 \$1,431,000